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Recoverable and recyclable catalysts for sustainable chemical processes

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*What are the challenges for the **sustainable** chemical industry today?*

- reduce chemical waste,
- improve the **selectivity** and **efficiency** of synthetic processes



*The design and synthesis of **recoverable and recyclable** catalysts*



Ludwigshaven in Germany

What are the challenges for the **sustainable** chemical industry today?

The need to implement **green chemistry** principles is a driving force towards the development of recoverable and recyclable catalysts.

Recyclability can either be achieved:

- by bounding the catalyst to a solid phase,
- by modification of solubility characteristics.



CATALYST e.g. acid or base is bounded to a solid phase



Filtration



Regeneration



Recycle



Green Chemistry

„Green chemistry is the design, development and implementation of chemical products and processes to reduce or eliminate the use and generation of substances hazardous to human health and the environment.“

(U.S. Environmental Protection Agency)

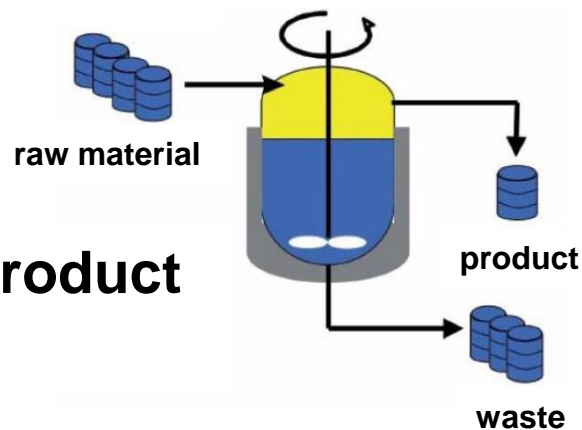
The 12 Principles of Green Chemistry

1. Prevent waste
2. Atom Economy
3. Less Hazardous Synthesis
4. Design Benign Chemicals
5. Benign Solvents & Auxiliaries
6. Design for Energy Efficiency
7. Use of Renewable Feedstocks
8. Reduce Derivatives
9. Catalysis (vs. Stoichiometric)
10. Design for Degradation
11. Real-Time Analysis for Pollution Prevention
12. Inherently Benign Chemistry for Accident Prevention

Green Chemistry

E-factor (kg/kg)

$E = \text{kg waste/kg product}$



Product	tons p.a.	kg waste/ kg product
Oil refining	$10^6 - 10^8$	ca 0.1
Bulk Chemicals	$10^4 - 10^6$	< 1 - 5
Fine Chemicals	$10^2 - 10^4$	5 - 50
Pharmaceuticals	$10 - 10^3$	25 - 100+

Examples

Case studies:

the recoverable and recyclable catalysts for chemical processes like:

- esterification,
- Diels-Alder reaction,
- oxidation of alcohols and ketones.



IONIC LIQUIDS as homogeneous and heterogeneous catalysts

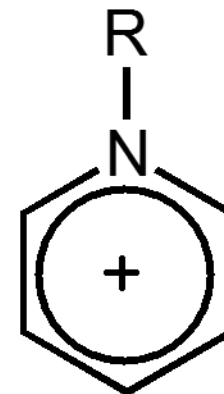
Recycling of ionic liquids prevents them from:

- ending up in the aquatic environment,
- release into the atmosphere (low volatility).

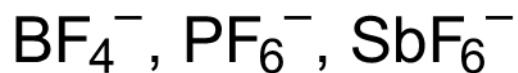
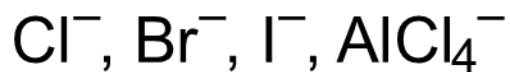
Ionic liquids from **biomass**.

Ionic Liquids Basic Structures

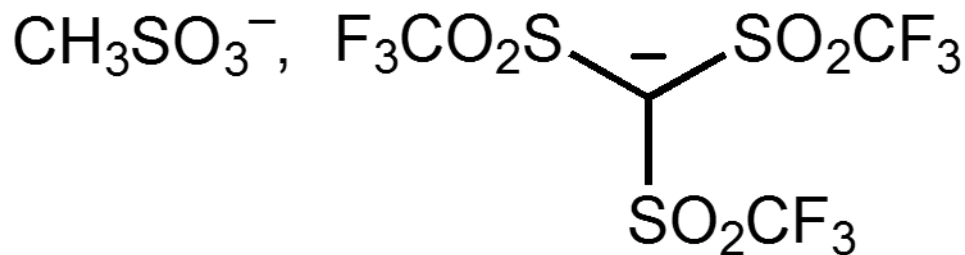
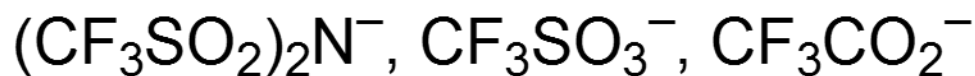
Cations:



Inorganic anions:



Organic anions:



Ionic Liquids Properties

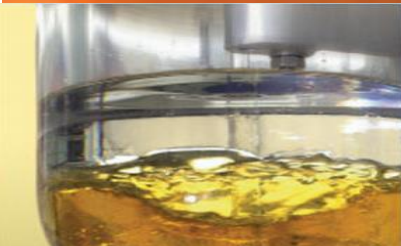


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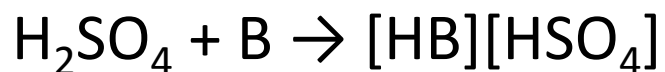
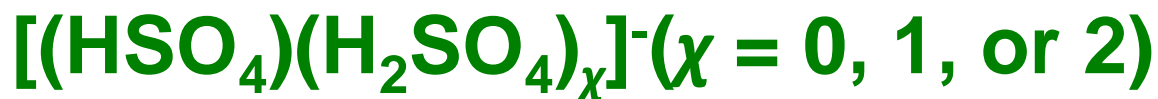




Ionic liquids as catalyst and solvent for esterification reaction

Modification of solubility characteristics

Complex hydrogen-bonded anionic clusters



$$\chi_{\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4} = 0.50 \quad \text{m. p.} < 100^\circ\text{C}$$

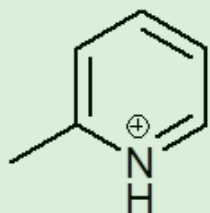


$$\chi_{\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4} = 0.67$$

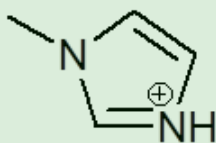


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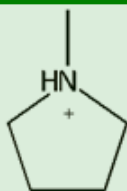
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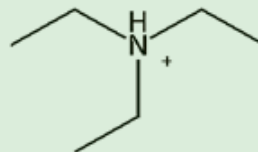
[Hampy]⁺
pK_a = 6.0



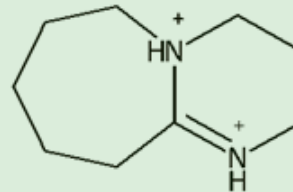
[Hmim]⁺
pK_a = 6.9



[Hmpyr]⁺
pK_a = 10.5



[Et₃NH]⁺
pK_a = 10.8

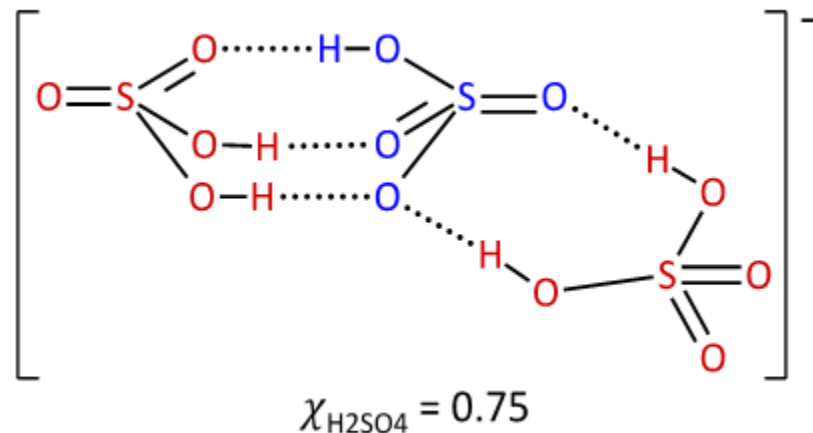
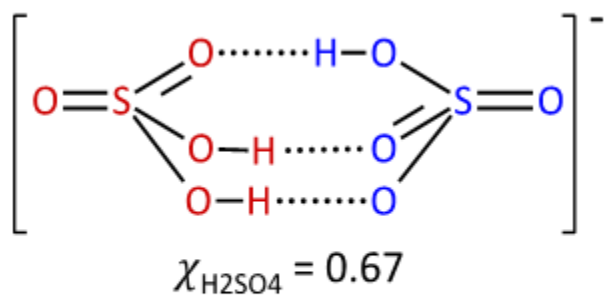
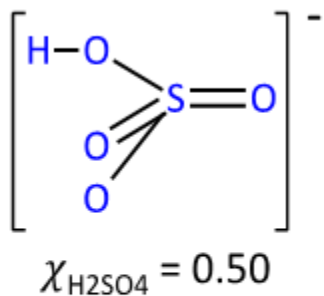
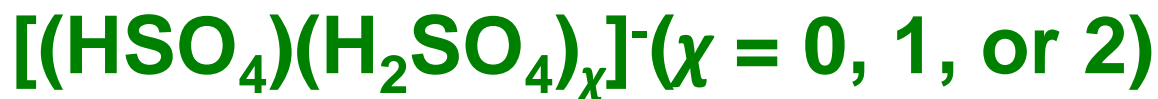


[H₂DBU]²⁺
pK_a = 13.6



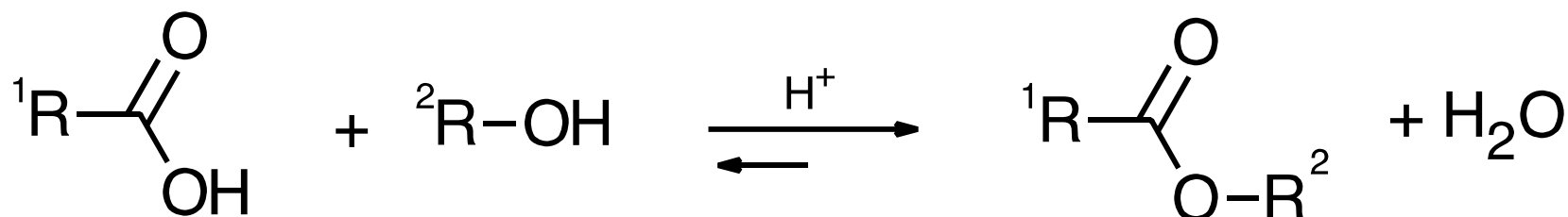
[H₂DABCO]²⁺
pK_a = 8.8

Complex hydrogen-bonded anionic clusters



Atoms of the **hydrogensulfate anion** are represented in **blue**,
Atoms of the **sulfuric acid** are in **red**.

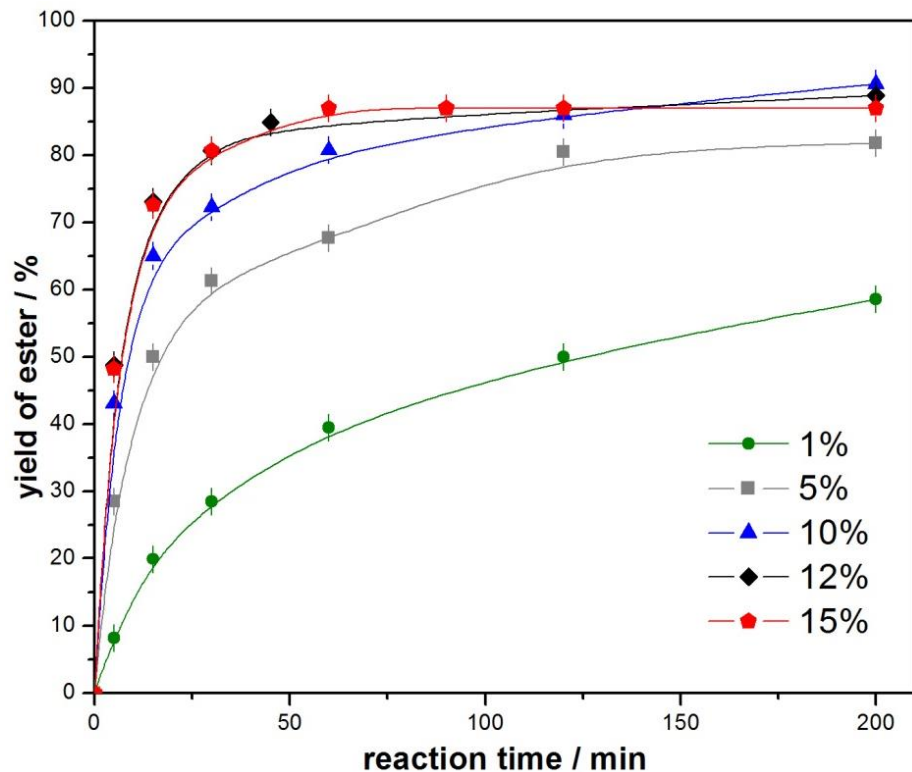
Model esteryfikation reaction



- ✓ Catalyst acidity
- ✓ Reactants ratio 1 ÷ 1,5 mol
- ✓ Catalyst loading 1 ÷ 15 % mol
- ✓ Catalyst recycle

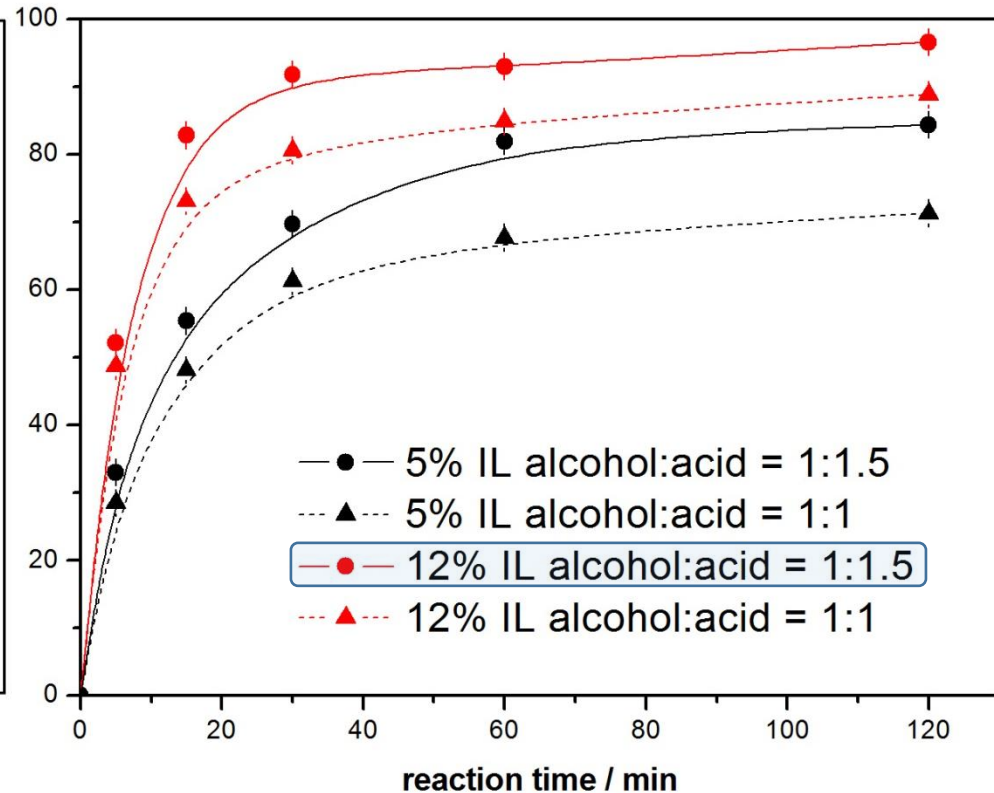
Complex hydrogen-bonded anionic clusters

Catalyst loading, %mol



BuOH : MeCOOH = 1:1; Temp. 30°C

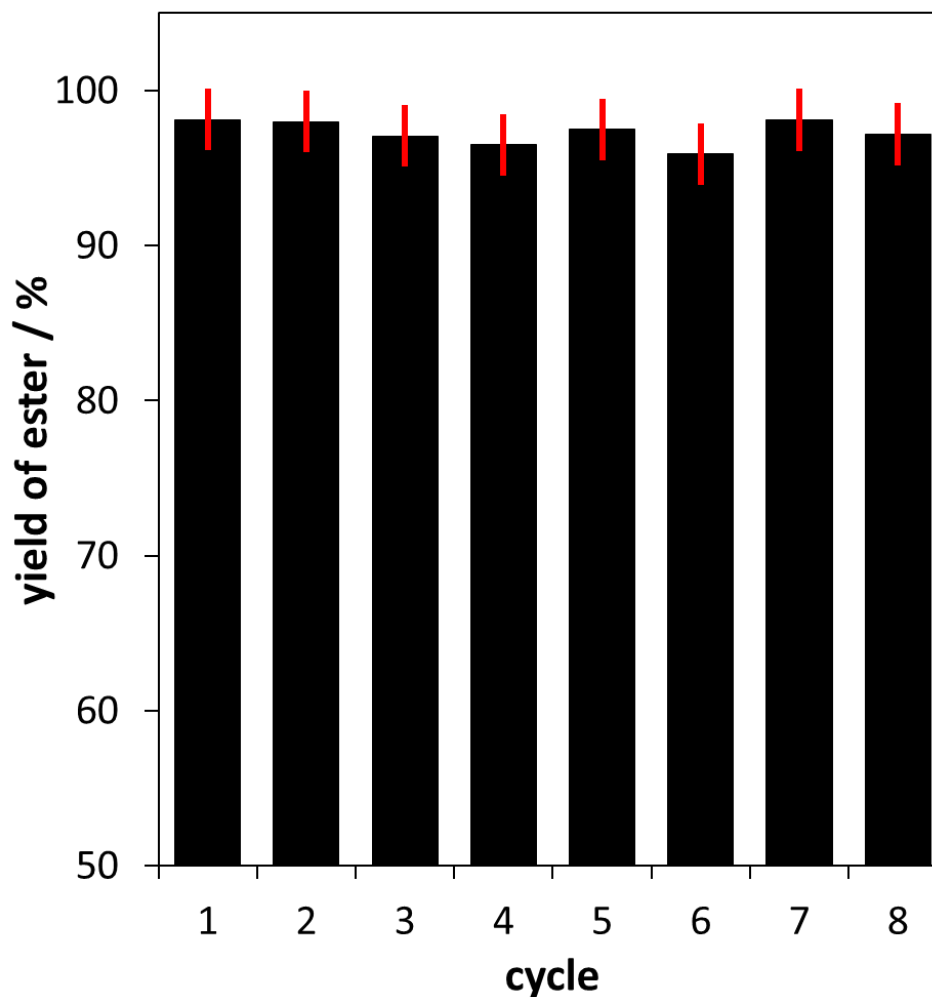
Reactants ratio



Temp. 30°C



Recycling study

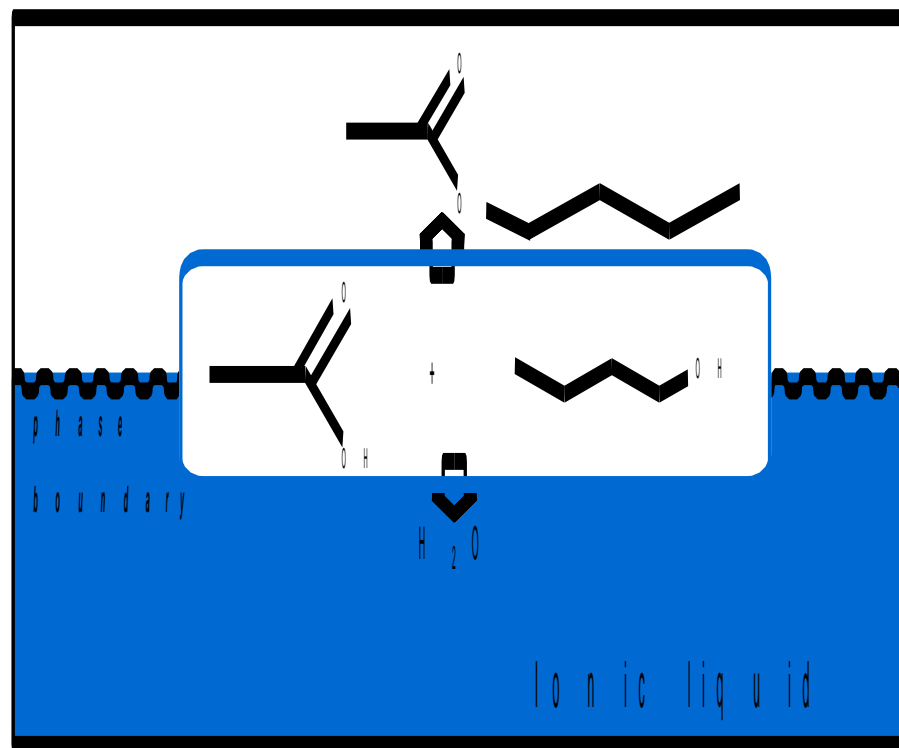


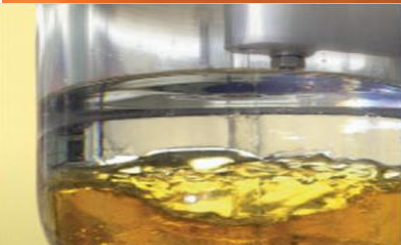
BuOH : MeCOOH = 1:1.5; IL =12% mol; t= 2h; Temp. 30°C

[Et₃NH][HSO₄](H₂SO₄)₂]

Summary

- ✓ Synthesis of a new family of protonic ionic liquids
- ✓ Formation of hydrogen-bonded anionic clusters $[(\text{HSO}_4)(\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4)_x]^-$ ($x = 1$ or 2)
- ✓ High acidity of new ionic liquids (AN up to 121)
- ✓ New catalysts for esterification
- ✓ Key parameters effecting the reaction: **miscibility of reagents**, catalyst acidity
- ✓ Possibility to reuse catalyst without the lost of activity



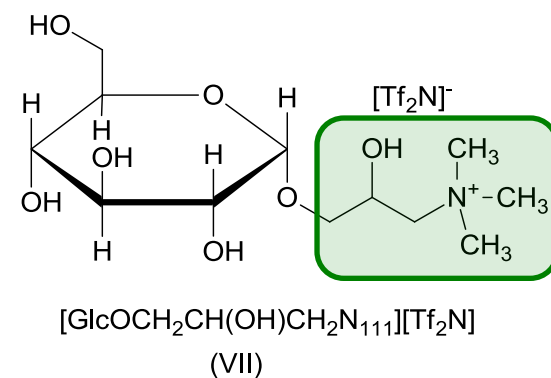
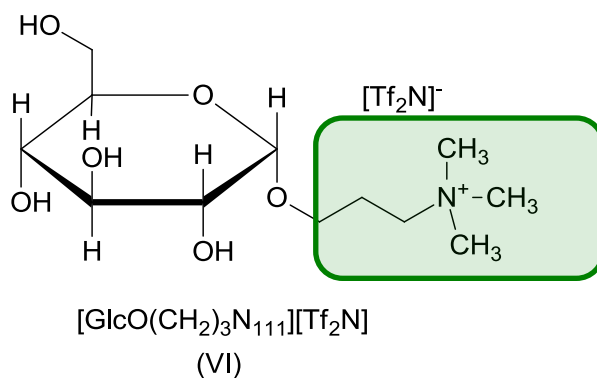
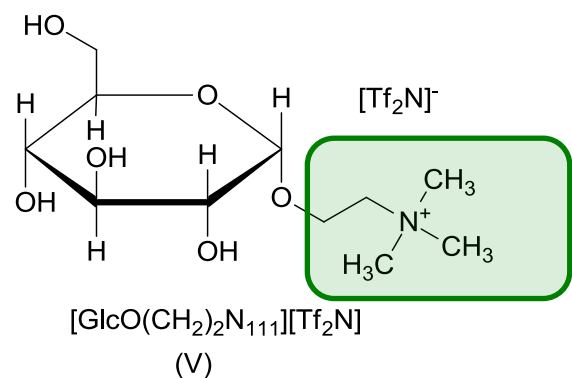


Ionic liquids as catalyst and solvent for Diels-Alder reaction

Designing of recyclable biocatalysts

Ionic liquids from the biomass

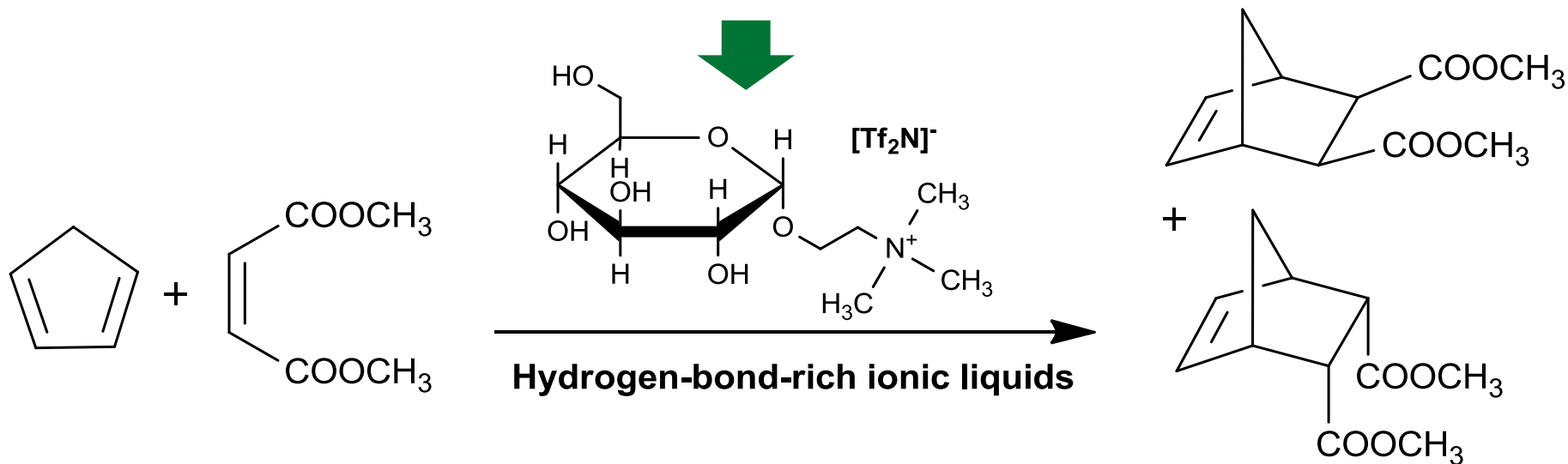
Glucose-derived ionic liquids: exploring biodegradable, low-cost sources



Diels-Alder reaction

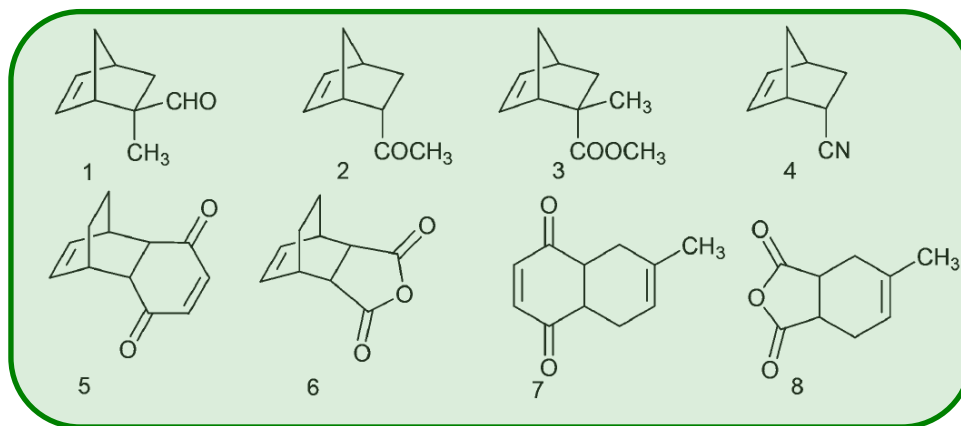


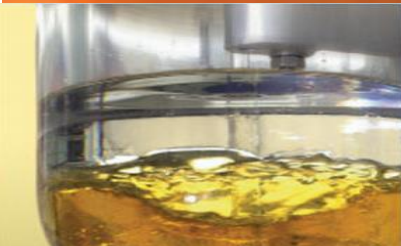
D-glucose from biomass feedstock



Diels-Alder reaction

Dienophile	Diene	Product	Time [h]	Yield [%]	<i>endo:exo</i>
cyclopentadiene	methacrolein	1	1	96	8.0 : 1
cyclopentadiene	methyl-vinyl ketone	2	10	85	8.2 : 1
cyclopentadiene	methyl methacrylate	3	1	92	1.9 : 1
cyclopentadiene	acrylonitrile	4	1	90	1.8 : 1
cyclohexadiene	1,4-benzoquinone	5	1	96	-
cyclohexadiene	maleic anhydride	6	1	95	-
isoprene	1,4-benzoquinone	7	1	98	-
isoprene	maleic anhydride	8	1	99	-



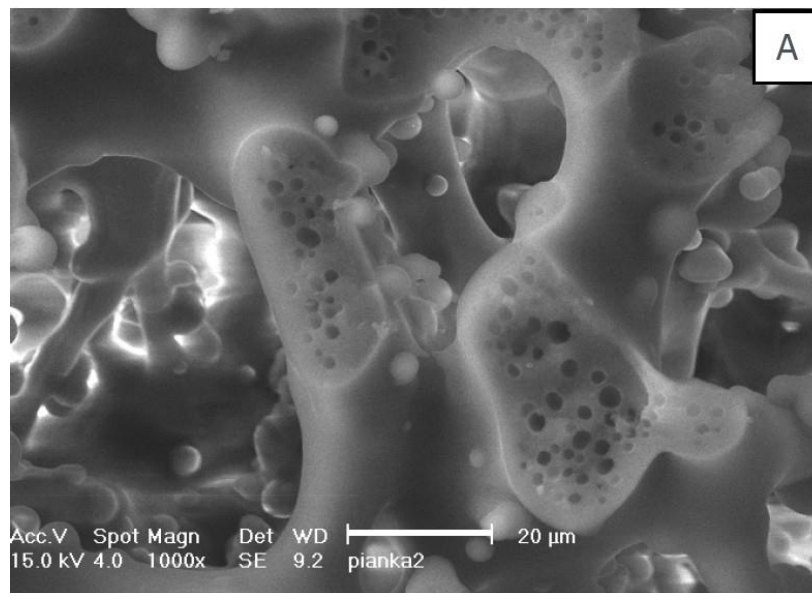
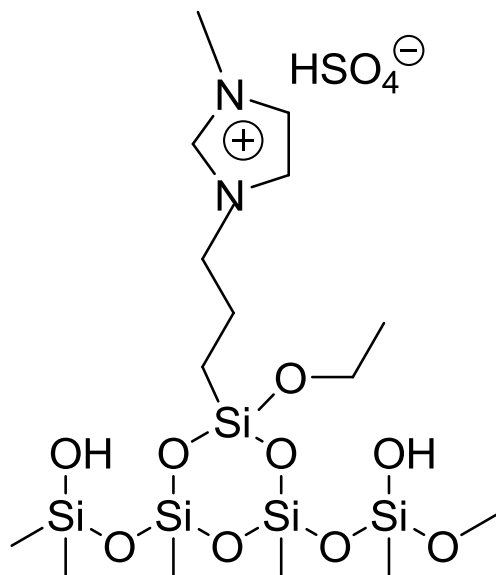


Ionic liquids as catalyst for ketones oxidation

Bounding the catalyst to a solid phase

Immobilized Catalysts

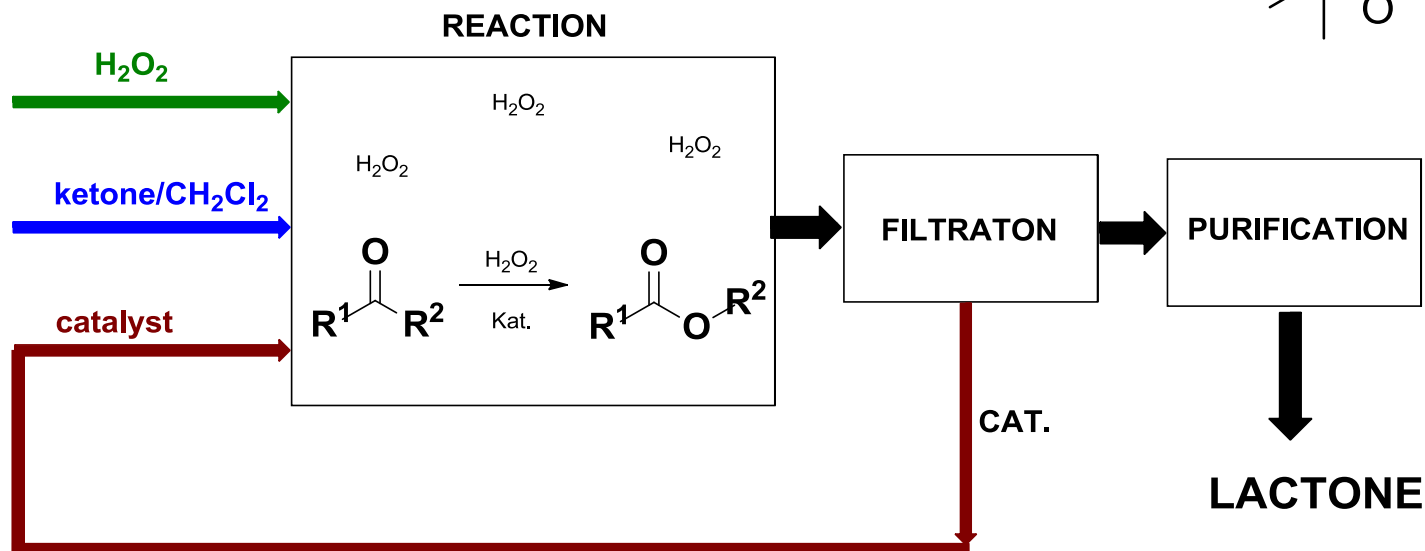
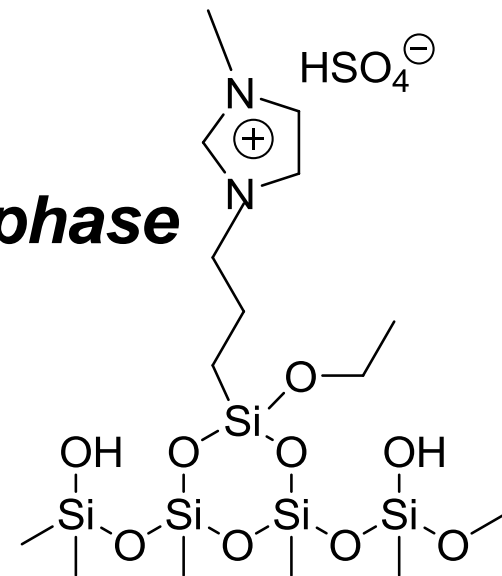
Bounding *ionic liquid* to a solid phase



Scanning Electron Microscopy micrograph of bimodal structured silica

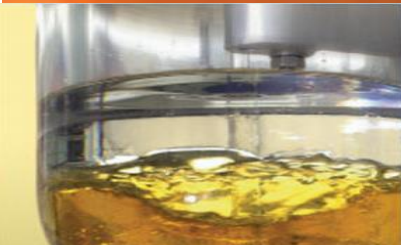
Immobilized Catalysts

Bounding the catalyst to a solid phase



3 recycles, 89-91% of catalyst recovery



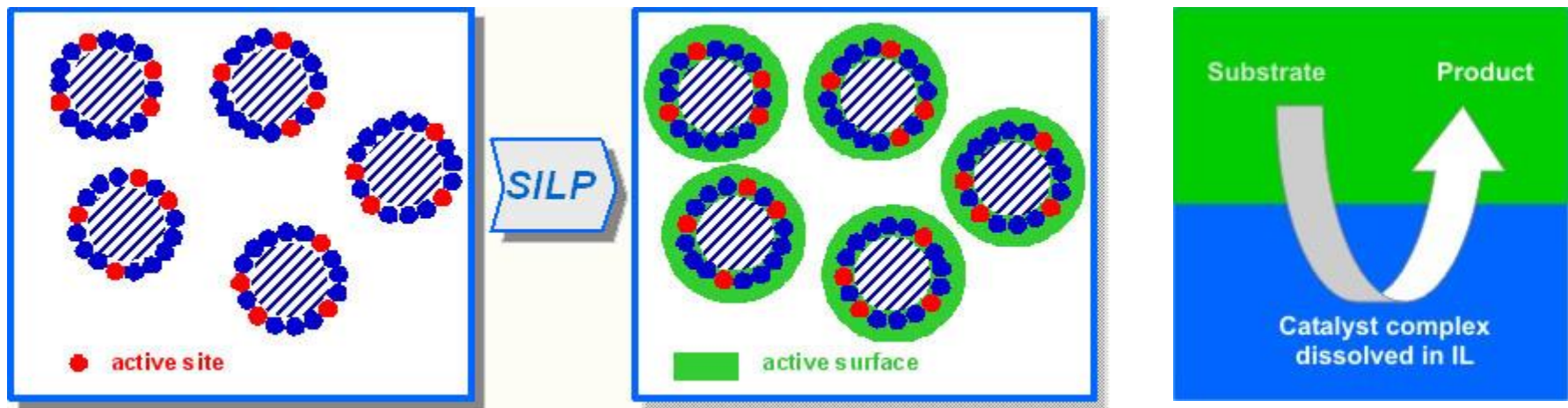


Ionic liquids as catalyst and solvent for alcohols oxidation

Supported Ionic Liquid Phase SILP

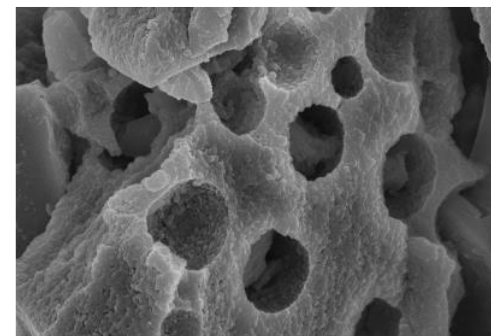
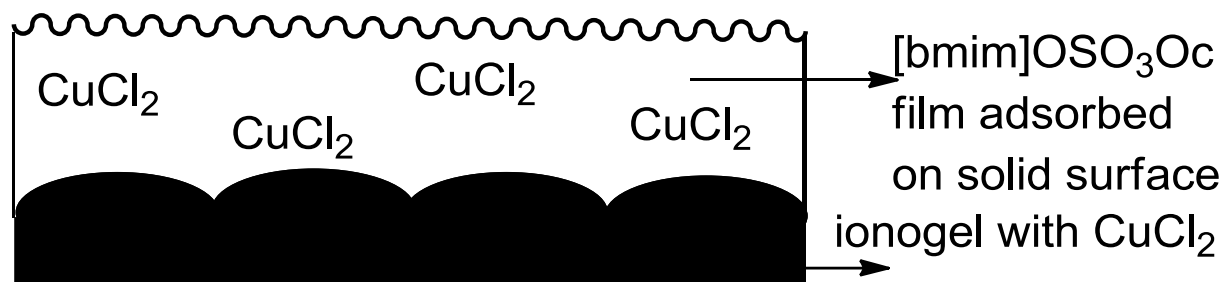
Supported Ionic Liquid Phase SILP

- materials science engineering with economic and environmental objectives



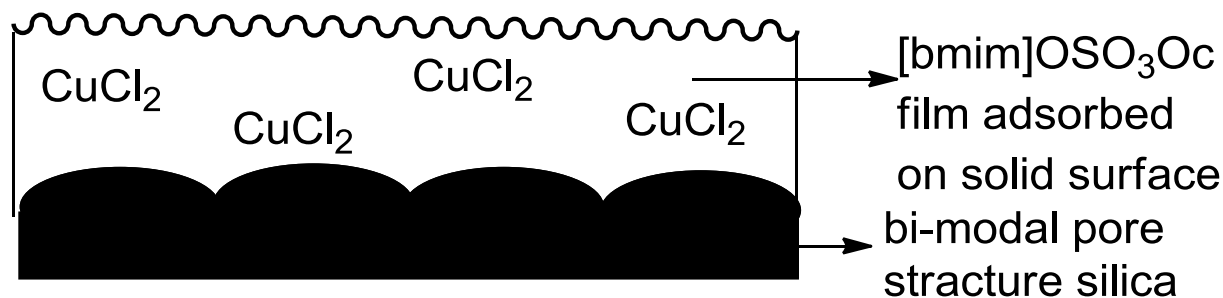
Supported **Ionic Liquid** Phase SILP

A_ CuCl_2 /[bmim]OSO₃Oc_{sup}

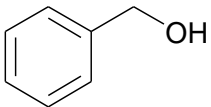
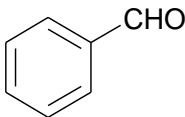
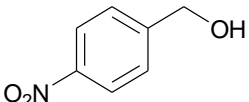
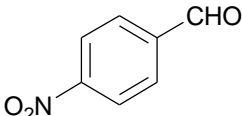
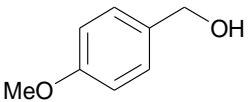
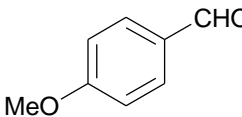
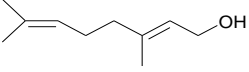
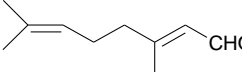


Scanning Electron Microscopy micrograph of the ionogel A_ CuCl_2 /[bmim]OSO₃Oc_{sup}

B_ CuCl_2 /[bmim]OSO₃Oc_{sup}

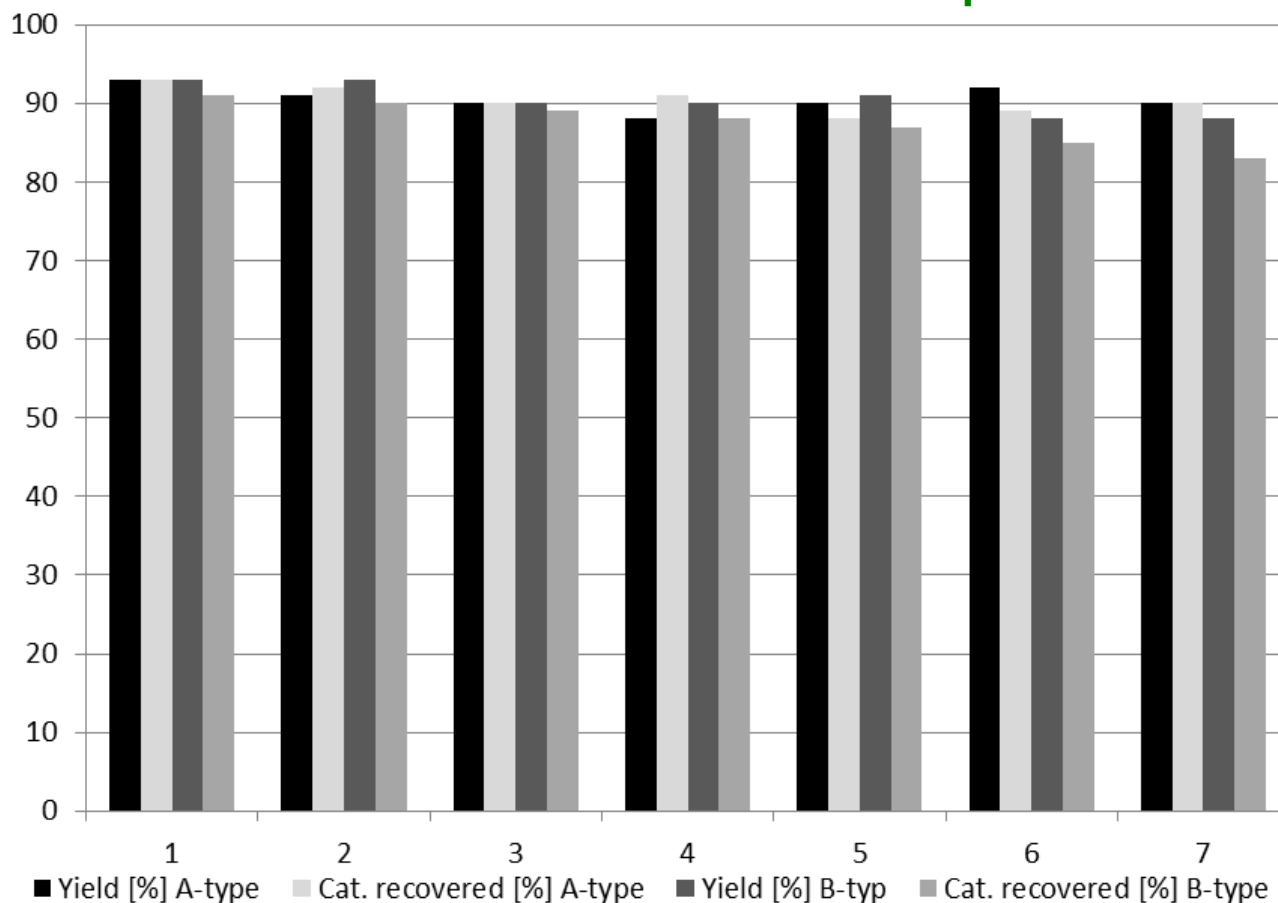


Supported **Ionic Liquid** Phase SILP

Alcohol	Aldehyde	Time [h]	Conversion ^b [%]	Time [h]	Conversion ^b [%]	Yield ^c [%]	Catalyst recovered [%]
		2	50	7	99	93	93
		2	50	7	99	95	92
		3.5	50	10	99	94	91
		5.5	50	15	99	92	90

reaction conditions: alcohol (1 mmol), TEMPO (0.1 mmol), 0.025 mmol of CuCl₂ included in A_CuCl₂/[bmim]OSO₃Oc_{sup}, dibutyl ether as solvent, oxygen at atmospheric pressure, 65 °C

Reusability of the $A_CuCl_2/[bmim]OSO_3Oc_{sup}$ and $B_CuCl_2/[bmim]OSO_3Oc_{sup}$ catalysts



reaction conditions: benzyl alcohol (5 mmol), TEMPO (0.5 mmol), 0.35g of catalyst containing 0.075 mmol of $CuCl_2$, oxygen at atmospheric pressure, 65 °C; isolated yields after 7 h with 98% conversion of benzyl alcohol

Summary

The development of **recyclable catalysts** represents a big challenge.

It is interdisciplinary field, where **pure chemistry** is connected to **material science**, or **engineering** and where even **business and economy-related issues** play an important role in:

- determining the planning, the design and the realization of a project in the area.

It is a field where many technologies and opportunities are offered to successfully realize an easy recoverable and, what is more important, reusable catalytic system.



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